

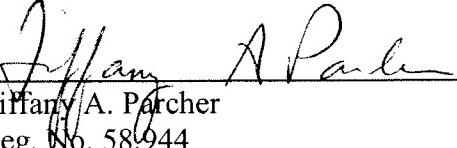
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 3-6 and 8-26 are currently pending. Claims 1, 2, and 7 have been cancelled. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the allowance of claims 8-26, and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-6. Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to place them in independent form that substantially incorporates all limitations of claims 1 and 2. Claims 5 and 6 depend in turn from claim 4. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 3-6 are in condition for allowance and requests withdrawal of the objection to these claims.

In the Office action dated October 18, 2007, claims 1, 2, and 7 were rejected under section 102. Applicant has cancelled these claims from the application. Accordingly, Applicant submits that all of the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and Applicant requests a Notice of Allowance. If there are any remaining issues that can be addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to call Applicant's attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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